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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

St Andrew's Church

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www.standrewskentct.org

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut
www.ctepiscopal.org

Service Schedule

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;
Healing Service at 8.30,
Third Sunday
In person
for 25 people with masks at
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(Also available live on
YouTube)

-Wednesday-

Evening Prayer
6.00 p.m.
Resumed (25 people with
masks)

-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation

Friday, 31 July

Prayer and Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

**In person for 25 people (with masks)*

**Sign up with Irene Connors*

collageconnors@gmail.com

860.592.0030

Sunday, 2 August

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

at 8.30 & 10.30 a.m.

**With our new Provisional Clergy in Charge*

**In person services for 25 people (with masks)*

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**The 10.30 a.m. Service is also available*
live on YouTube

which you can access
through our website

www.standrewskentct.org

or

the Saturday Epistle link

Tuesday, 4 August

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

Call or email only

Wednesday, 5 August

Evening Prayer at 6.00 p.m.

**In person for 25 people (with masks)*

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Thursday, 6 August

Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration
of Our Lord Jesus Christ at 6:00 pm

5:30 p.m.
Resumed (25 people with masks)

Holy Days as announced.

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women
*Zoom meeting
email for info.*

Thursdays

A.A. at 7:30 a.m.
(Great Room)
Resumed

Al-Anon. at 7:00 p.m.
(Vestry Room)
Suspended

Parish Staff

**Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of
Choirs**

**Margie O'Brien,
Director of the Children's
Choir**

**Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator**

**Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary**

**Bill McLaren,
Sexton**

**Randy Osolin,
Vergar**

A.A. at 7:30 a.m (Great Room)
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

From the Senior Warden

Hi All,

So the Sunday has finally arrived. Our new Clergy in Charge will begin his ministry at St. Andrews this Sunday! There will be two services, 8:30 and 10:30 AM. We are planning to have iced tea and cookies (individually wrapped of course!) under the shade tree after each service so you can all have a chance to meet Douglas (or at least bump elbows!) at last. Also, you can just come to the reception if you wish and watch the service on you tube. If you can't make it this week, we will be doing the same thing next week as well.

Hopefully we'll see you all sooner rather than later.

Christopher Rehkow
Senior Warden

From Reverend Douglas Worthington

Dear people of St Andrew's Parish,

It's hard for me to believe that the time is almost here: In just a few days, I will be with you in worship, either in-person or via YouTube, and we will have officially begun our ministry together. For me, at least, this season feels full and ripe and promising. On the one hand, we are at the threshold of a new era in the life of this parish--at the beginning of a time of exploring who we are, who God may want us to be in this time and this place, and how, with and in Christ, we may grow into whoever that is. On the other hand, we are continuing a journey that began in Kent more than 200 years ago (and in Judea more than 2,000 years ago!)--in the midst of God's eternal plan for the universe and of humanity's seeking to understand and assist in it, just like all of our ancestors in faith. "Both / and" was probably the most commonly used phrase I heard in seminary. So much of what we believe and experience as Christians is not just one thing, but two or three ... or an infinity. (In this week's sermon, for example, we will explore how, as creatures of God, we have lived in a covenant with our Creator that has never varied from God's perspective, but that has shifted and adjusted as humanity has lived into (and away from) it.) That is what life in an omnipotent and omnipresent God is like, and I hope we will all delight in all the possibilities of Christ as we venture forth!

May God's blessings be upon you, and take good care!

In the love and peace of Christ,

St Andrew's Histories

Reprints are now available for the two histories of St. Andrew's:

"A Brief History of St. Andrew's Church" published in 1957 which begins with the inception of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut in 1760 and documents the development of St. Andrew's through 1956.

"Half a Century: 1957 to 2009, an Anecdotal Account of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church" which picks up the story of St. Andrew's through the voices of parishioners.

Copies of each of these histories are available in the narthex or by contacting Heather in the parish office. We ask that you consider a donation of \$8 for each history in order to help to defray the cost of printing.

St Andrew's Garden

St. Andrew's garden maintained by Jake and Marel, has started to produce vegetables. All are welcomed to help tend the garden, get out and get some air. All produce has been given to Mariam Jones who has given it to people who normally would not get fresh veggies. Compost donated by Kent Falls Brewery.

Wednesday & Friday Evening Services

At a time when parishioners are wisely cautious about social distancing, we're reminding folks of other worship opportunities at St. Andrew's.

On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, we offer Evening Prayer, often lead by Steve Klots, who always does a homily worth showing up for. There's usually only a small number of people who attend and no group singing (or even humming!). It's just a quiet gathering of people for reflective, end-of-the-day prayer and the chance to spend a half an hour inside the church we love.

On Fridays at 5:30 pm, we offer a Meditation Service at which, usually, just a few folks gather to quietly recite three small prayers, then sit together in reflective silence for 20 minutes. It is a nice meditative way to end the week. And, at a time of separation, it's a blessing just to sit in the sacred space of the church and absorb the spirit of the place.

"We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries...."

--The Book of Common Prayer ("Prayer for Consecration a Church")

"For when two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them."

--Matthew 18:20

Northwest Region Weekly Events

COME JOIN US!

NORTHWEST REGION WEEKLY EVENTS



EACH DAY:

7:30AM: MORNING PRAYER

8:30PM: COMPLINE

**TUESDAY: NW REGION GOSPEL OF
JOHN BIBLE STUDY AT 4PM**

**WEDNESDAY: NW REGION MEDITATION
AT 6PM**

**THURSDAY: NW REGION DWELLING IN
THE WORD AT 10:30AM**

Please email Dylan Mello at dmello@episcopalct.org for
login and password information

Prayer for the Current Times

A prayer from the Reverend Nadia Bolz Weber

Dear God,

Everyone's exhausted right now: parents, activists,

cashiers, people who are just now actually learning about systemic racism, delivery drivers, the unemployed, the chronically sick, ER nurses, those who fear the police, the elderly, performers with no hope of an audience any time soon, clergy, social workers, those who can't make their rent, and everyone who has to spray something down with disinfectant for the 1,000th time.

Teach us to rest, Lord.

Help us dial back our obsession with productivity. Raise up more helpers for those who are over-extended Lord - stir up the desire to serve in those who only take. Remove barriers to napping. Quiet babies for an hour so those new mamas can sleep. Make us aware of any new bingeable NETFLIX shows that might help. Give employers the will to grant extra paid mental-health days. Quiet those voices that tell us we should be doing more right now, especially the ones that come from inside of us. Teach us not to confuse respite with laziness. Increase our compassion for one another. And while you're at it, increase our compassion for ourselves.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Racial Healing Resources

Racial Healing, Justice, Reconciliation, and Education Resources

A digital library, network of information, and educational resources to help introduce foundational concepts, language, and tools to help encourage and enable congregations to begin opening their hearts and minds about the sin of racism are available.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/ecct-events/season-of-racial-healing-justice-and-reconciliation/resources/>

PDF list of Resources

https://www.episcopalct.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/BLM_resources_donate_1.pdf

Black Lives Matter Resources & Organizations to Support

<https://www.episcopalct.org/blm/>

ECCT's Racial Justice Resource Coordinator:

[Kelli Ray Gibson](#)

kgibson@episcopalct.org

Racial Ministry Network

Racial Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation Ministry Network

This is a network comprised of lay and clergy persons who are passionate about and strive for racial healing, justice, reconciliation and restoring all human beings to each other, the church, and God.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/ministry-networks/racialhealingjusticereconciliation/>

Zoom Bible Study



Northwest Region Zoom Bible Study

Rev. Martha Tucker is leading a NW Region Bible Study on Tuesdays at 4PM! We are looking at the Gospel of John! All are welcome to join!! The zoom link is below.

<https://episcopalct.zoom.us/j/786414686>

Please contact Dylan Mello with any questions at dmello@episcopalct.org

PraiseMoves!



Looking for a way to stretch, exercise and hear the Word of God?
Then try

PraiseMoves!

Now, easy to do right in the comfort of your own home. Mary Perry,
Certified PraiseMoves Instructor from St. Paul's Brookfield will be
holding Zoom classes

Saturdays at 10:00

Message her at [**maryperry2@me.com**](mailto:maryperry2@me.com)
for the link. Come, try it out! Appropriate for all Fitness Levels!

PraiseMoves for Kids!

New!



VIA ZOOM - SUNDAYS AT 1:30

Kids of all ages will gain strength, improve flexibility and balance, relieve anxiety and get more of God's Word into their hearts! Join Mary and Emily Perry and Grady and have fun!

QUESTIONS? MARYPERRY2@ME.COM



Message her at maryperry2@me.com
for the link.

The Kent Food Bank

**Please help the parish continue our support of the
Kent Food Bank
by sending a check in any amount to:**

**Kent Community Fund
P.O. Box 262
Kent, CT 06757**

**Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of your*

check.

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of our town's Social Services Director, Leah Pullaro.

The Kent Food Bank is also taking food donations during this difficult time.

The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of:

Staples such as beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

You may drop off food items on Thursdays from 9.00 to Noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street.

Please DO NOT come into the Food Bank, but leave outside the door.

ECCT COVID-19 Resources

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The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has put together many resources for us to utilize. There are financial resources for parishes, self-care information, and livestream information as well. Please see

HERE

or the link below to explore current news, events, and offerings.

<https://www.episcopalct.org/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>

Adding to the Prayer List

During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask her to add names to the list, that you would like the prayers offered. And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s).

Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.

You may also write to Heather at st.andrew.kent@snet.net Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she may be able to ask if she has any questions.

We remember the faithful departed during the week after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.

Coffee in the Commons Podcast



COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics. All conversations center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

[Listen to the latest episode below!](http://www.coffeehour.org/)

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The Annual Reports for 2019

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on [Annual Report 2019](#)

A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
FISH is very short-handed***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(new number: 860.539.9957)
if you can help!***

A Prayer for Change

This prayer has been used several times since last summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

A Prayer for Change

*Loving God,
You have made the whole of human life in your image;
each one of us shaped in love.
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,
it comes at us from every direction.
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,
to use that love as a force for good.
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which darkness
can never overcome;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*

*Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
the Homilies located on our website.*

click on [Homily](#)

The Lections this Week

**The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost
*Year A***

**Isaiah 55.1-5;
Psalm 93, 96;
Romans 9.1-5;
Matthew 14.13-21**